



## T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1st floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair  
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair  
Sandee Brooke  
Annette Campbell  
Sharon Chadwick  
Demion Clinco  
Sarah Herr  
Joe Joaquin  
Gerald Juliani (arrived 12:10 p.m.)

Bettina Lyons  
Kathy Nabours (arrived 12:15 p.m.)  
Sybil Needham  
Estevan Rodriguez  
Eileen R. Warshaw  
Gal Witmer

Members Absent:

Albert Guidero  
Steven Herzog  
Renee RedDog  
Patsy Waterfall

Others Present:

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| Jonathan Mabry  | Historic Preservation Officer, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design                     |
| Andrew McGovern | Administrator, City of Tucson Department of Transportation                                  |
| Linda Mayro     | Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office |
| Kristi Jenkins  | Planning Technician, Department of Urban Planning and Design                                |
| Carli Brosseau  | <i>Tucson Citizen</i>   |
| Stacy Semas     | Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office                                     |

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2008
- B. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meetings of:
  - 1. October 9, 2008
  - 2. October 17, 2008
  - 3. October 23, 2008

It was moved by Bettina Lyons, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Guidero, Herzog, Juliani, Nabours, RedDog, and Waterfall absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Majewski welcomed Commissioner Eileen R. Warshaw to the Tucson Pima County Historical Commission and asked her to introduce herself.

Commissioner Warshaw stated she had been involved in historic preservation for about 35 years and had worked in 4 different countries. Her current project was the Jewish History Museum. The museum would be opened full time on January 15, 2009.

Commissioner Juliani arrived at 12:10 p.m.

4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

No appointments or removals were made.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer (Jonathan Mabry)

Jonathan Mabry reported:

- 1. The National Register Nominations for Jefferson Park and Barrio Santa Rosa were taking inventories of contributing properties. This would be completed in December 2008.
- 2. The initial meeting regarding revisions to the City's Sign Code had been held. The proposed revisions would allow historic signs to be repaired, removed, and replicated. They would also look into allowing historic-style signs in certain districts. He encouraged commission members to join the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Landmark Sign Code.

It was moved by Sandee Brooke, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Commissioners Guidero, Herzog, Nabours, RedDog, and Waterfall absent) to appoint Commissioner Clinco and Commissioner Niblett to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Landmark Sign Code.

3. The revisions of the Historic Preservation Guidelines would be looked at next. This would be a many-month process with a lot of input from stakeholders. Among many other issues, one was how could we create flexibility to allow green retrofitting for contributing historic properties.
4. The design concepts for eight semifinalists for the Downtown Facade Improvement Program were due this month. The selection panel would pick four or five design concepts to award matching grants.
5. Construction of Mission Garden was scheduled to start next week and would be completed in late spring. Construction for the Mission complex would start in late spring.
6. The design for the Scott Avenue Infrastructure and Streetscape Project would be presented to the Plans Review Subcommittee on November 13, 2008.

Commissioner Nabours arrived at 12:18 p.m.

7. The ordinance requiring additional review of demolition applications in the historic central core was overturned last week. The ordinance was still in place, but the judge could issue an order to revoke the ordinance. The Mayor and Council would be addressing this matter at the Mayor and Council meeting of November 18, 2008, in an executive session. They could possibly give direction to staff to either appeal the decision or move the same requirement to the Land Use Code. They could also revoke the ordinance or try to find an alternative solution.
8. The “La Entrada De Kino” event, organized by the Patronato de Kino, was scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 15, 2008. It would be a reenactment of Padre Kino’s arrival to Tucson in 1694.
9. A senate bill proposing establishment of the Santa Cruz National Heritage Area would be considered on November 17, 2008. He encouraged the Commissioners to contact Senator McCain and Senator Kyl to show their support of this bill.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Linda Mayro reported:

1. The Canoa Ranch Conservation Park open house was held last Saturday. The next phase of reconstruction would ~~to~~ be started on two Manning residences and a garage.
2. Poster Frost would be presenting three alternative concepts on the Master Plan on November 19, 2008, at the Udall Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. Pima County would like to acquire the Tumamoc Hill property, but if the City does not accept liability for the landfill on the property, Pima County would not accept the liability.

4. The Steam Pump Ranch received a Heritage Fund Grant and would be using the money towards [toward not towards] the exterior rehabilitation of the 1874 Pusch House.
5. By February of next year, the 2009 Bond Advisory Committee would reach a decision regarding whether to go forward with bonds and if so, how much they would allow.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation Director (Jim Glock or TDOT Staff)

Andrew McGovern reported:

1. The demolition of the second half of the bridge in the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Underpass project would be completed in early December 2008.
2. The Mayor and Council would be voting on the Alternative Alignment Report for 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Kino Parkway and Tucson Boulevard and the Alternative Alignment Report for The Kino Parkway and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Overpass Project on November 18, 2008.
3. The Grant Road Corridor preliminary alignment would be out for public comment for another thirty days.
4. Speedway Boulevard between Camino Seco and Houghton Road was about seventy-five percent completed regarding the design process. There would be a delineated step-by-step process that would be followed. The construction would not start until late 2010.

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

A. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Sandee Brooke)

No report was given.

C. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

D. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

Commissioner Juliani stated the Subcommittee would meet next Monday and would receive a report regarding rubberized asphalt for the Downtown Links Project.

E. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

7. Support Letters for Heritage Fund Grants (Terry Majewski and Jonathan Mabry)

The City was applying, on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Tucson, for a State Heritage Fund Grant to conduct long-term stabilization of the Marist College building. Temporary, emergency repairs had taken place, but now a detailed plan to bring the building up to code would be designed. The City would also be applying, on behalf of the Santa Cruz Parish, for a State Heritage Fund Grant to do permanent repairs to the roof of the Santa Cruz Church.

It was moved by Sandee Brooke, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Guidero, Herzog, RedDog, and Waterfall absent) to direct Chair Majewski to write support letters for two Heritage Fund Grants.

8. Planning for 2009 Statewide Preservation Conference (Sarah Herr and Terry Majewski)

Commissioner Herr stated the call for papers would be due on November 15, 2008. The Conference would be held on June 18, 2009, to June 20, 2009, in Phoenix at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix.

9. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Demion Clinco and Sharon Chadwick)

Commissioner Clinco stated the Foundation held elections, and he was honored to be elected the president. Research was being conducted to reconcile green energy adaptations with historic preservation projects.

Commissioner Chadwick stated the foundation was developing an endangered properties list and a list of the preservation opportunities.

10. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Lyons stated she wrote a book entitled Zeckendorfs and Steinfelds, the Merchant Princes of the American Southwest. The Historical Society had published the book, and it would be released next week. There would be a book signing on November 21, 2008, at the Arizona Historical Society at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Warshaw stated on December 7, 2008, the Jewish Community would be honoring Bettina Lyons with the Jewish Heritage Award for her work in the community.

11. Call to the Audience

Linda Mayro stated on November 18, 2008 the Pima County Board of Supervisors would be voting on the purchase of the Pima County portion of the Sopori Ranch and designate it as open space.

12. Future Agenda Items

There were no suggestions.

13. Adjournment: 1:02 p.m.